

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
WESTERN DIVISION**

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MICHAEL RAY CLEVELAND,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	
	)	No. 2:25-cv-02093-SHL-cgc
TRANS UNION, LLC; PRIMIS	)	
FINANCIAL CORP.; and MOMNT	)	
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

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**ORDER DISMISSING TRANS UNION, LLC WITH PREJUDICE**

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Plaintiff Michael Ray Cleveland and Defendant Trans Union, LLC filed a joint stipulation of dismissal with prejudice as to only Trans Union under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41. (ECF No. 43.) But in multi-defendant matters, “Rule 21 provides the appropriate basis for dismissal of a single defendant,” not Rule 41. Henderson-Thompson v. Jardoine, No. 2:22-cv-2013-MSN-cgc, 2022 WL 349896, at \*2 (W.D. Tenn. Feb. 4, 2022) (citing Philip Carey Mfg. Co. v. Taylor, 286 F.2d 782, 785 (6th Cir. 1961)). The Court will therefore construe the joint stipulation as a motion to dismiss under Rule 21, which permits a court to drop a party at any time on motion or on its own. Fed. R. Civ. P. 21. Dropping parties under Rule 21 functions as a dismissal of the party. See id.

Thus, all claims against Defendant Trans Union, LLC are **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**. This dismissal does not apply to Cleveland’s claims against Defendants Primis Financial Corp. and Momnt Technologies, Inc.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, this 5th day of May, 2025.

s/ Sheryl H. Lipman  
SHERYL H. LIPMAN  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE